

Dear Northfield family.

Last night president Cyril Ramaphosa announced that churches will be allowed to gather under strict conditions within level 3 of lockdown.

The Northfield leadership will be meeting to discuss what this means for Northfield. There are a number of different aspects that need to be taken into account including the logistical implications of opening up services, as well as clarity of what the restrictions entail. We need to take these into account before we “open our doors”.

Please bear with us and pray for us as we consider our options and make very difficult decisions.

I am sure you all feel the same as me; I cannot wait to worship as a congregation together again, I cannot wait to see the faces and hear the voices of my church family. Yet, we need to be responsible and consider the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Jesus shows us that people are more important than rules, regulations and organisations. Jesus also shows us that people’s needs are more than just the physical.

So the question we are wrestling with is “can we open in such a way that we meet people’s needs for connection with God and others, without taking unnecessary risks?”

Love and blessings
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